Assembly to which they are entitled on the basis of the Muslim population of those districts, two seats in the Upper House may be allotted to these districts.' The Committee itself admits that they are entitled to more. We have been deprived of our due share, though no doubt we claim the full number according to the population which comes to 12 seats and a seat for women. My request to the Government is that the Second Report of the Committee should not be allowed to prevail so far as we are concerned and they must restore what has been taken away from us by this report."

IV-A.—BILL TO AMEND THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND ACT, 1908 (BILL No. 2 OF 1935)—APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF SELECT COMMITTEE.

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I have to announce that I appoint the Hon. Mr. C. A. Souter, as the Chairman of the Select Committee on Mr. Patnaik's Bill to amend the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908."

IV.—MOTION *RE* SECOND REPORT OF THE MADRAS DELIMITATION COMMITTEE—*cont.*

Mrs. A. Rukmani Lakshmipathi rose to (speak).

* The Hon. the PRESIDENT:—" I may point out that item (5) of the hon. Member's amendment dealing with polling is not covered by the Report. She can avoid that and deal with the other points."

Mrs. A. RUKMANI LAKSHMIPATHI:—" Mr. President, I beg to move the amendment standing in my name, i.e.:—

> ' Add *the following at the end*:—
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> " *And on such consideration this Council is of opinion* (1) *that the method of voting in all plural member constituencies, even in cases where a seat is reserved for scheduled castes should be the distributive method of voting but not the single non-transferable method nor the cumulative method.*" '

12 noon. " I shall move each paragraph of my amendment separately, giving reasons therefor. On a perusal of the Report submitted by the Delimitation Committee and the order of the Government on the First Report, one is tempted to believe that the recommendations made by the Delimitation Committee and also by the Government, militate against the general interests of the people and are also contrary to democratic principles and ideals. Now, Sir, referring to the method of voting, namely, the cumulative method that the Delimitation Committee has suggested, I should like to point out that of the three systems of voting, the distributive method which obtains at present, the cumulative method and the single non-transferable vote, the distributive method is the best. To our experience during the last 15 years ever since the inauguration of the Montford Reforms we have found that the electorate has not experienced the least difficulty in recording its votes through this system. When I was a candidate for the local Legislative Council, I found that the voters were able to record their votes with perfect ease.